

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

# Oaks Notes



*Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.*

## Acorns on the Ground

"Seeing Correctly"



When I was in the seventh grade I discovered that I could not see correctly and that I needed eye glasses. The teacher would write something on the black board and I could not read what was written. My parents were informed of this and my father took me to the optometrist to have my eyes examined. It was confirmed that I needed glasses and so I was fitted with a new pair. I remember the first time I put on my new glasses. I couldn't believe how much clearer and shaper everything looked. I had been missing so much because I could not see properly and I didn't even realize I was missing so many things.

pening. Our vision is often faulty and we miss what God is doing. Fortunately, for us, God has provided the corrective lens we need. Jesus is the way that we truly see God clearly. Our vision becomes sharp-eyed and focused when we see God through Christ. We need to keep seeing through Jesus and discover, if we have not already discovered, the clear and perfect image of God.

My hope and my prayer is that Oaks Christian Church will continue to see clearly. I pray that God will continue to provide good vision and eye sight for Oaks through the image of Jesus Christ. Keep on working and serving God and keep on following Jesus Christ.

May all of God's blessings be yours now and into the future. Pray for Cheryl and I, as we will pray for you.

Yours in Jesus Christ,  
*Reverend Randy Burke*

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That is how it is when we try to view spiritual matters and see God at work in the world. It is sometimes difficult, if not down right impossible, to bring God into focus and to truly see God's activity. God is operating everywhere in the world but we do not always see what is really hap-



# FEBRUARY 2011

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Bread Sunday	7	8 Prayer Circle CWF - Visitation Meet for lunch at 11a	9	10	11	12
13 CONGREGATION MEETING	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15 CWF - Love Meals	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 CWF - General Mtg./Covered Dish	23	24	25	26
27	28					

## Schedule of Events

- February 6 - Souper Bowl Giving
- February 8 - Board Meeting
- February 13 - John Conus- Sunday School
- February 13 - Congregational Meeting
- February 20 - Terry's Crafters
- February 20 - Evangelism
- February 26 - Evangelism Free Soup Saturday

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- 10 - Gloria Slocum
- 12 - Randy Burke
- 19 - Louis Luna
- 22 - George Hajovsky
- 28 - Emily Simons
- 29 - Christen Scantlin

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

- 2 - Dorene Drake and Ernest Knipp
- 5 - Bill and Barb Scantlin
- 24 - Charles and Glocum

Church Office Closed on Fridays.

- Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
- If you have something for the calendar, or if we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the Church Office know.
- Pastor Randy Burke's Phone No.'s:

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**Humor, Announcements, Emails, Nurturing Updates, Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report**  
**ARTICLES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT NOON!**

**No Excuse Sunday**

"Humor is a proof of faith."  
 Charles M. Schulz

To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are going to have a special "No Excuse Sunday." Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in." There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our pews are too hard. Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching TV late Saturday night. We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church." Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold and fans for those who say it is too hot. Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present. Relatives and friends will be in attendance for those who can't go to church and cook dinner, too. We will distribute "Stamp Out Stewardship" buttons for those who feel that the church is always asking for money.

One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature. Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday. The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who never have seen the church without them. We will provide hearing aids for those who can't hear the preacher and cotton for those who can.

**Evangelism - Katie Spencer,** Hello Everyone!

Please mark the following dates for lunch, games, crafts, scrap booking, socializing, fun and whatever you want it to be.

Starting February 20 we will have an enjoyable afternoon right after church. We will share in games, crafts, fellowship, scrap booking, and knitting. This will all take place in Kirchner Hall.

The rest of the dates are as follows...All on Sunday's. Feb. 27, March 26, April 3, May 22, June 12, July 24, Aug 28, Sept. 18, Oct. 23 and Nov. 13.

Starting in Feb. we will have either covered dish before the event or brown bags. We would like feed back on what your choice is.

Please join us and get to know your Brothers and Sisters in Christ and share in some laughs!

Any questions call Katie Spencer, Evangelism Committee Chair at 832-767-4481.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you there for these monthly fellowship events planned by The Evangelism Committee!

**An email from Carole Green**

When you carry the Bible, Satan gets a headache.  
 When you open it, he collapses.  
 When he sees you reading it, he faints.  
 When he sees that you are living what you read, he flees.  
 And when you are about to re-post this message, he will try and discourage you. I just defeated him!!!!  
 Our God is an Awesome God!!!

**Oaks Golden Travelers -**  
**Ruth Conover, Organizer**  
**January 21, 2011**



**Nurturing Circle Updates - January**

Prayers

**January - To be updated next newsletter.**

**Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report**

**January Church Attendance**

Attendance for the Month of January	Sunday School	Church Attendance
January 02, 2011	14	43
January 09, 2011	18	43
January 16, 2011	19	52
January 23, 2011	21	48
January 30, 2011	18	48
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>234</b>

**From the Treasurer - Bill Scantlin**

Operating Account 2010	October	November	December
Deposits	10,052.35	10,082.79	10,775.00
Disbursements	(9,927.60)	(10,293.94)	(11,105.87)
Difference	124.75	(211.15)	(330.87)

**Year-to-date there has been \$11,500 transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund to cover Operating expenses.**

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## Oaks Christian Church

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### FOOD NEEDED FOR MANNA'S PANTRY

**For more information  
Contact**

**Billie Murray  
(281) 448-1667**

#### **Items Needed:**

Peanut butter,  
can or powdered milk,  
can soup, spaghetti or  
noodles, can meat and  
can potatoes.

**Open Mon, Tues and  
Thurs 9:30 a.m. –  
11:30pm.**



### Prayer Circle

Every Second Tuesday of the Month  
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Kirchner Hall.

Everyone Welcome!

*Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With  
thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.  
Philippians 4:6*

### Board Happenings -

**Barb Scantlin, Board Chair - Friendly Reminder:**

**There will be a General Board Meeting, February 8, 2011  
6:00 p.m. There will be NO Executive Board Meeting for  
the month of February.**

**Thank you.**